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Weickmann Ref. 11051P US-WO-1MW

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hans-Peter Josel et al.)
Serial No. 08/776,190) Examiner Maurie Garcia Baker, Ph.D.
Filing Date: January 24, 1997) Group Art Unit No. 1639
For: Oligomeric Carrier Molecules with)
Defined Incorporated Marker)
Groups and Haptens)

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this communication.